THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Saturday, 25th July 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at thirty-seven minutes past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Admission into the Engineering Colleges.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri S. Vemiah who gave notice of the question is not in his place. The question and answer together will be printed in the proceedings."

* 1020-A *Q*.—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of students admitted this year into the Engineering Colleges;

(*b*) the number of Scheduled Castes out of them; and

(*c*) the number of Backward Class candidates?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) Three hundred and seventy-three students have been selected and allotted to the four Government Engineering Colleges in the State. Out of them 37 belong to the Scheduled Castes and 136 to the Backward Classes other than the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes."

Formation of the Kerala Linguistic State.

* 1020-B *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the State Government have sent any recommendations to the Central Government for the immediate formation of the Kerala Linguistic State?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Will the Government take early steps for the formation of Aikya Kerala in view of the long-cherished demands of the Malayalees? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is not possible for this Government to take sides and initiate a matter of such controversy."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Have the Government given any support to the new-fangled Southern State idea? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The Government have given no such support. I have already said that the Government are most unwilling to initiate or take active